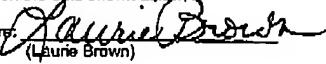


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects Species 1 relating to Figs. 1-5, covered by claims 1-5 and 14-23.

Applicant notes the Examiner's statement that claims 1-4 appear generic.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

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An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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